

Study USA 2025-2026 Application Form Guidance Document

The Study USA Application contains five main sections with section four containing the assessment part of the application. Please use this guidance document to prepare answers and information you will need for the application. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting, you can save it and return to it. When you submit it, you will see an on-screen message confirming it has been successfully submitted.

Personal Details and Education Section

Under the Personal Details and Education Section, you will be required to provide basic information on your current course of study, including the following:

- Date of First Enrolment at your Northern Ireland University/College
- Average result for your first year of study. (This should be provided as a percentage, and we will contact your college to verify it. If you are attending an FE college you may not have these details yet, so you do not need to complete this)

You will also be required to answer the following:

- Are you currently entitled to receive a NON-REPAYABLE maintenance grant as assessed by Student Finance NI or equivalent body?

Application Selection

Under 'Application Selection', you will be asked to answer six questions which you may want to think about, prepare your answers in Word and copy and paste them into the application. Questions are as follows:

– Personal Motivation

Of all the opportunities available, why are you applying for the Study USA scholarship in particular and why is this important to you? (Maximum 200 words)

– Knowledge

How do you think the education system at your US college will differ from your Northern Ireland university/college experience? (Maximum 200 words)

– College Life

Study USA students are expected to play an active service role and make a positive contribution to college life and the local community. Drawing on your interests, hobbies, part-time / voluntary work, and personal achievements, describe how you plan to achieve this. (Maximum 200 words)

– Adaptability

Studying in the US will be a new experience culturally as well as academically, which will require you to be adaptable. What steps would you take, before and after arriving at your US college, to help you with the transition? Please refer to academic, practical and social considerations. (Maximum 200 words)

– Leadership and Teamwork

Study USA seeks to develop the next generation of leaders in the Northern Ireland economy. Please describe one recent example where you have displayed leadership qualities? What was your role and what was the outcome? (Maximum 200 words)

– Employability

In what ways do you hope that your participation in Study USA will impact on your employability and future career plans? You should support your answer with specific examples. (Maximum 200 words)